

ROGUE TROOPER - BACK AT THE FRONT!

PROG 410
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24p
EARTH MONEY

IN ORBIT
EVERY
MONDAY

2000 AD

FEATURING **JUDGE DREDD**



NERVE CENTRE

BORAG THUNGG, EARTHLETS.

This is 2000 AD: birthplace of Terran thrill-power! My latest powerful prog brings you, along with 5 other scrotnig stories, the return of the legendary fighting man of the future, *Rogue Trooper*! The comeback of the cosmic combatant also heralds a shining new age of artistic talent in the pages of the galaxy's greatest – for, in the tradition of such popular droids as Gibbons, Wilson, Ewins and Kennedy, I, Tharg the Generous, give you.....*José Ortiz*! "Ghafflebette move, Tharg!" I hear you cry. "But what will happen now to Art Robot Cam Kennedy? What circuit-crunching plans does The Mighty One have in store for him? Could they be linked in some way to the Pin-Up of *Judge Dredd* programmed in last week's prog? Could it even be possible that ?" But wait! I shall say no more – I do not want to spoil the surprise of opening your 8th birthday present for yourselves! **THARG**

SPLUNDIG VUR THRIGG!



HUMPHREY BOTHERG
Drawn by Earthlet
T. C. Hodgkinson, Sheffield.
£10 Winner.

SORRY – WRONG NUMBER

Dear Galactic Greatness,

Did you know... (oh, sorry, you know everything!)...that Prog 2000 of your scrotnig comic will be dated around 21 July 2015? And furthermore, that the first zarjaz prog to appear in the year 2000 will be Prog 1182 or thereabouts? We came to these conclusions after months of calculation, so I hope you will reward us, even if the reward is only seeing our names in print.

From Earthlets Julian Agnew & Grant Cameron, Clydebank.
Seeing-their-names-in-print Winners.

When I commanded SIM-1 to compute this data he came up with slightly different results: Prog 2000 will be dated circa 19 October 2015, and the first prog to appear in the year 2000 will be Prog 1179, according to my right-hand droid. Does anyone disagree?

SLAINE : WEEP-SPASM

Dear Tharg,

Congratulations on the return of *Rogue Trooper* – I can see it is going to develop into yet another zarjaz story. But what about *SLAINE*? I'm sure you could give us thrill-seekers a little clue as to when he will return in a new adventure. My dad was very upset when *Slaine* ceased to appear in your circuit-shredding mag, in fact he was so upset he almost cried. Please, for the sake of my poor, heartbroken old dad, tell us when the story's coming back.

From Earthlet Jack Quilter, Woodbridge. £5 Winner.

LITTLE CLUE...next prog.

DO NOT ADJUST YOUR DIAL...

Dear Tharg,

On the 26th day of January 1985, the studios of Central TV were invaded by the *Fink Brothers* – and thanks to my friend Matthew I was there to watch them shouting and smashing up the set! At one point they tried to kidnap a member of the studio crew, so I went to the rescue. I can now say that I've put my hands round Mean Machine Angel's neck, and survived! The next time they went on the rampage, though, we were helpless, and had to pray that *Judge Dredd* would come through the door; but he didn't. By the way, I think the song is brill.

From Earthlet Klaus Lapikens, London. £5 Winner.

I share that opinion, Terran. However, you should consider yourself lucky that *Judge Dredd* didn't turn up – he might have arrested you as an accomplice in criminal acts of an audio-slug nature!

COLD, BUT COSMIC

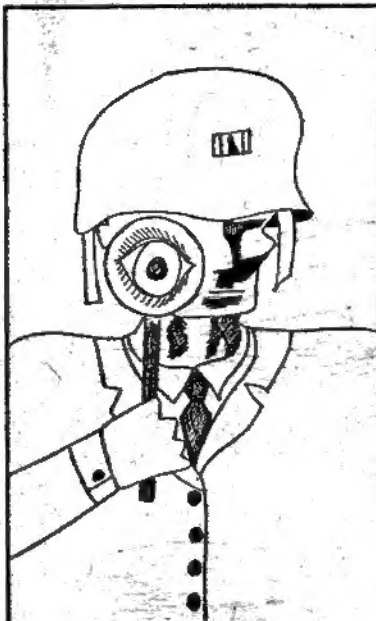
Dear Tharg the Indeterminable,

I am embarrassed by the efforts of my fellow Terrans to impress Your Mightiness with their pitiful attempts to read your progs in strange places. It is my innocent pleasure to trivialise all those who have come before. I read my copies of 2000 AD, delivered by ski-plane, in Antarctica!

P.S. I expect to see Johnny Alpha and Wulf Sternhammer when this region becomes a tropical rain forest (cf 'Outlaw', Prog 367 – Tharg)...how long will I have to wait?

From Earthlet Peter Taylor, McMurdo Station, Antarctica. £5 Winner.

It is hard to be precise, but I estimate the great event will take place sometime between a week next Tuesday and November 2193. Wrap up warm now, Earthlet.



ROGUE SNOOPER

Drawn by Earthlet Melanie Leng,
Oxford. £10 Winner.

VOTE HERE!

Each week Tharg displays your drawings and letters on his Nerve Centre. There are big cash prizes for every entry published, so write to him now! The address is: **THARG'S NERVE CENTRE, COMMAND MODULE 2010, KING'S REACH TOWER, STAMFORD STREET, LONDON SE1 9LS.**

List your three favourite stories
IN THIS PROG on the coupon and
enclose it with your entry.

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....

I Dislike:.....

My Age Is..... **410**

2000 AD'S FIGHTING LEGEND—BACK IN ACTION!

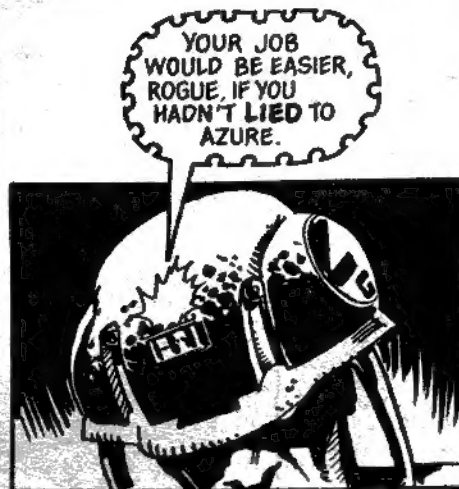
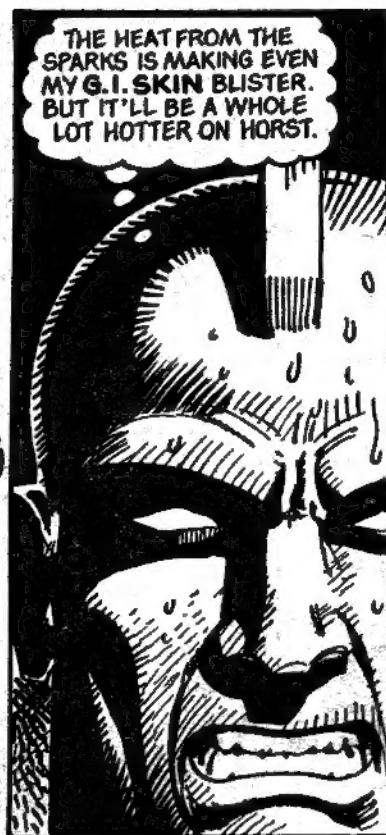
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THE PLANET HORST,
AT THE EDGE OF
THE GALAXY...

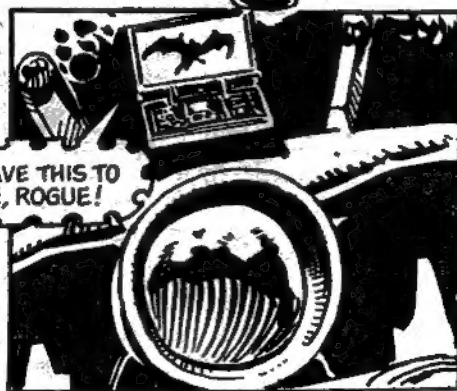
HIDDEN BY A SMOULDERING
SHOWER OF SPARKS, A MILLI-
COM SPACE PROBE COVERTLY
ENTERS THE PLANET'S
ATMOSPHERE...

HERE WE
GO, GUYS... A
NEW PLANET,
A NEW
WAR!

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GERRY FINLEY-DAY
ART ROBOT
JOSE ORTIZ
LETTERING ROBOT
BILL NUTTALL
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SO THAT'S
WHAT AZURE MEANT
BY DEVELOPMENTS
IN G.I. WEAPONRY.

MY NEW G.I.
HELMET HAS A LASER
TARGET FINDER! IT
CAN AUTOLINK WITH
A G.I. RIFLE AND
GUIDE ITS FIRE!

YEAH. ALL WE NEED
YOU FOR, ROGUE, IS TO
TRANSPORT US AROUND!

BIG
JOKE,
GUNNAR...



BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING HERE
THAT AIN'T SO
FUNNY.

NORT INSIGNIA.
ON THIS PLANET...



WE'RE GONNA
BE FIGHTING ALIENS!

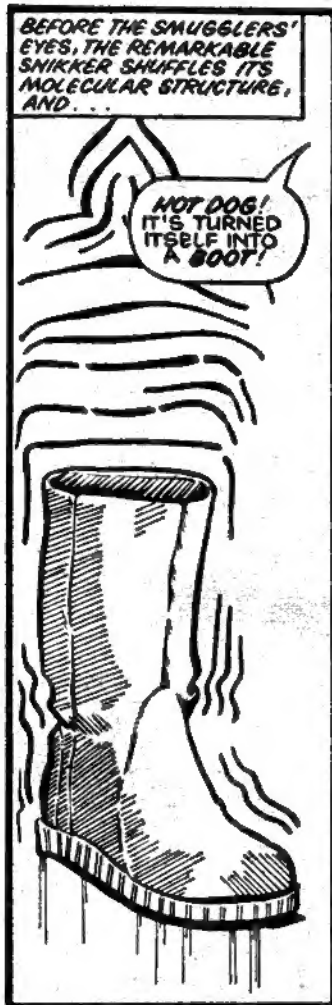
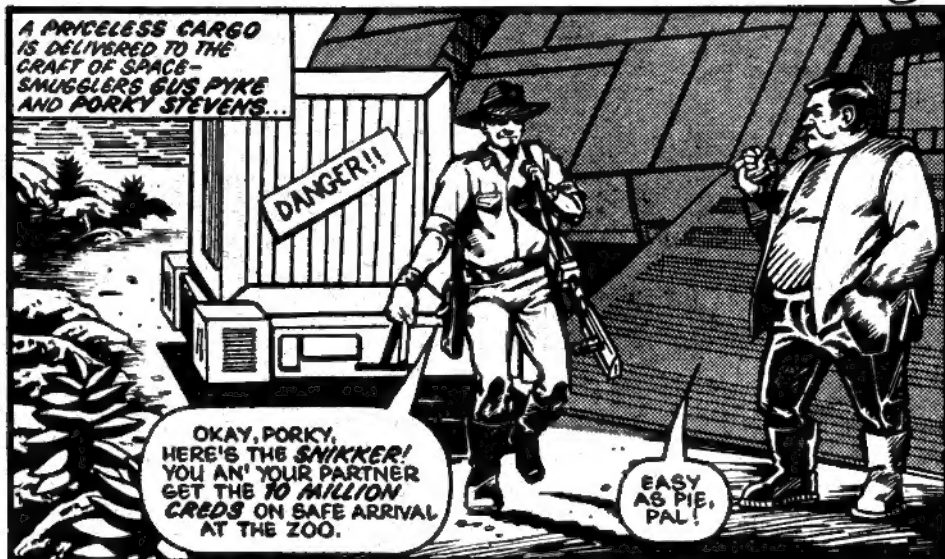


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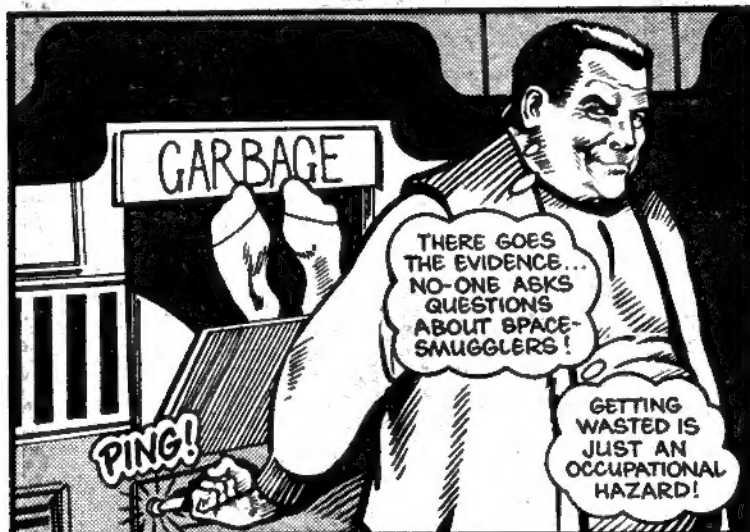
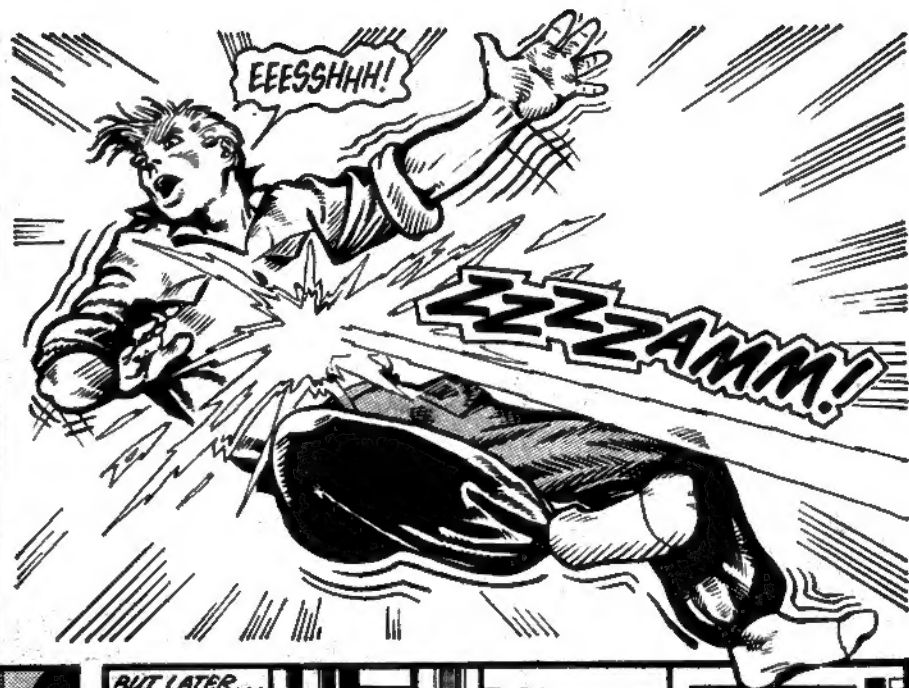
THE SNIKKER

DIM!

SNACK



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The Ballad Of
HALO JONES
5: CAT AND MOUSE





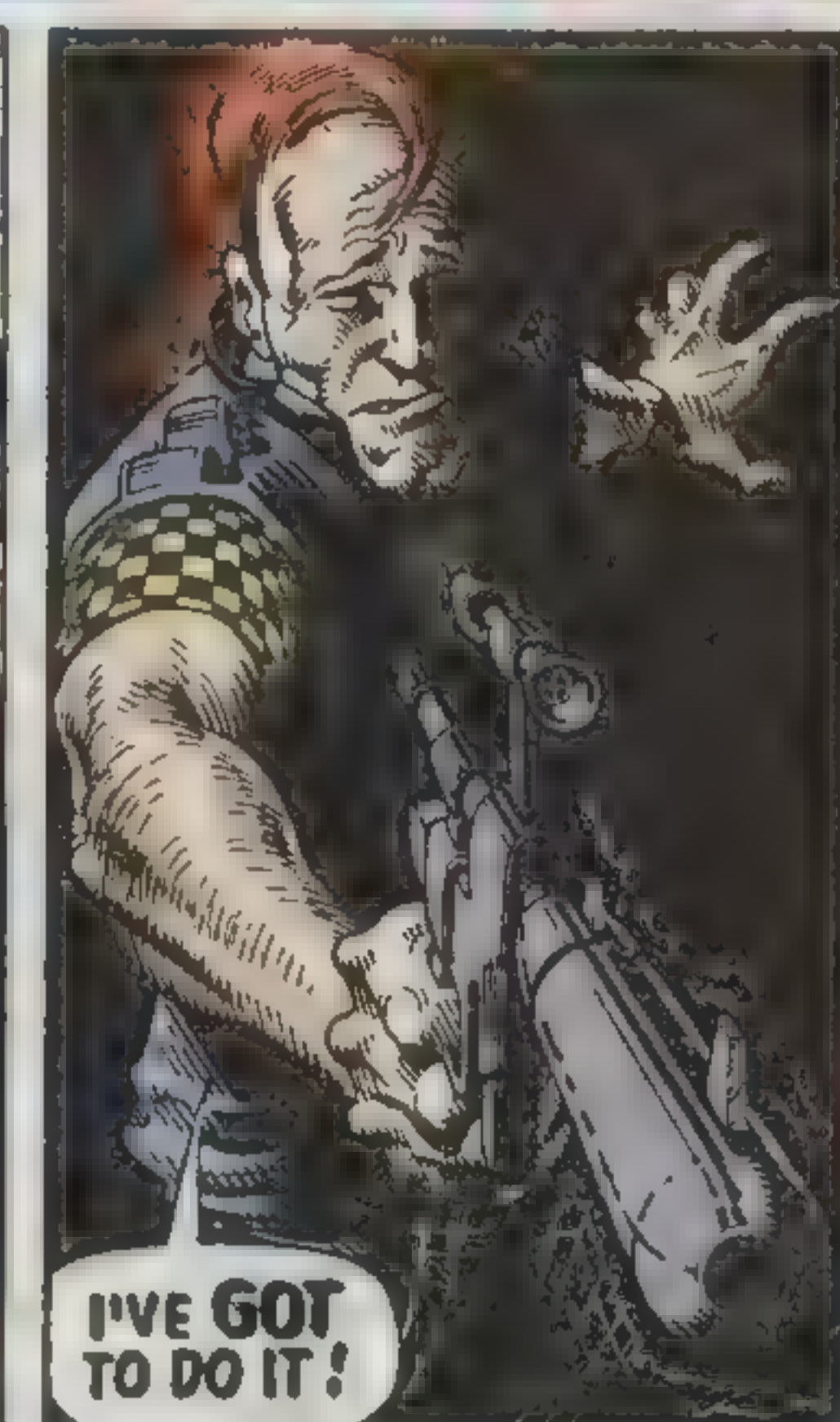
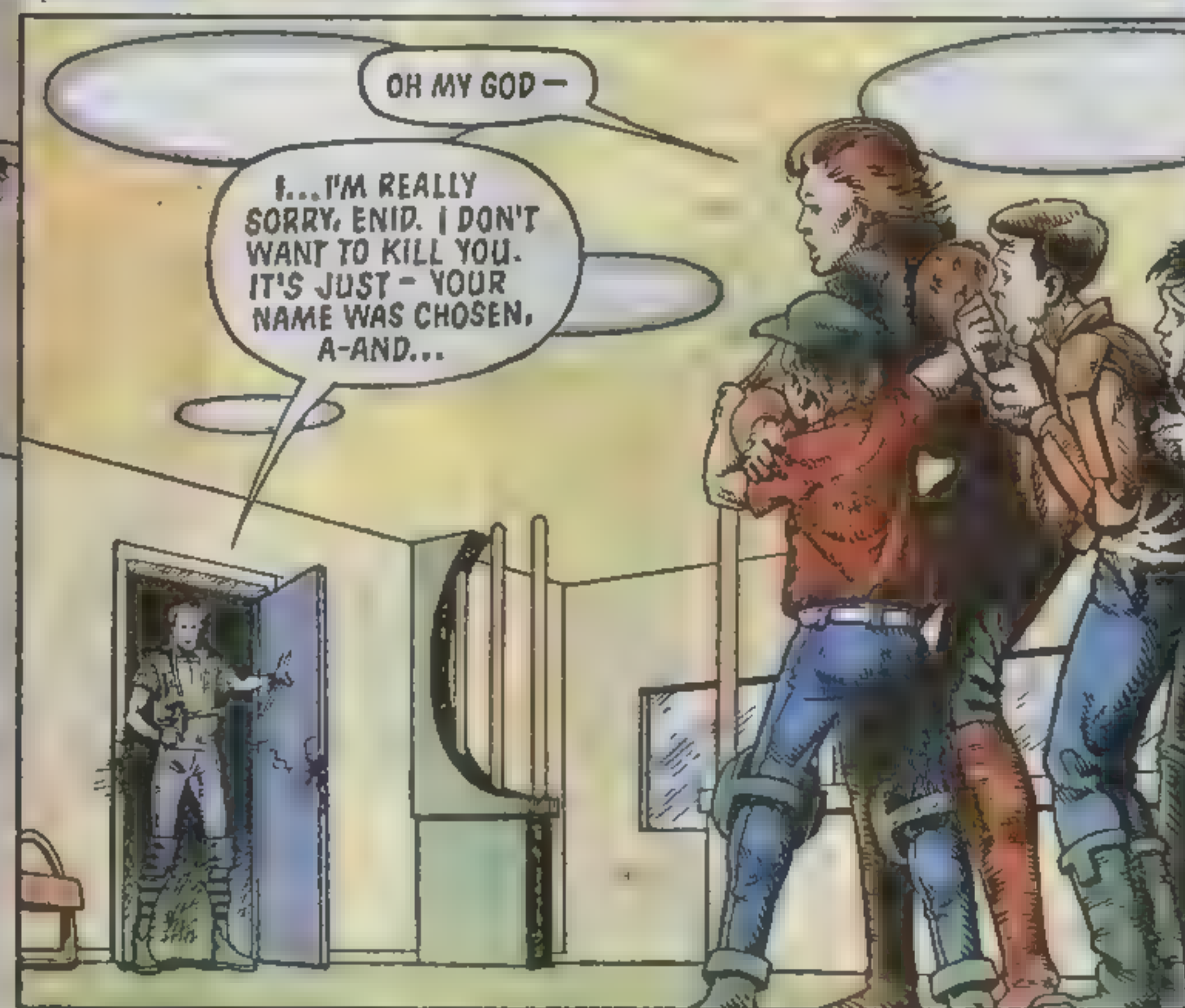
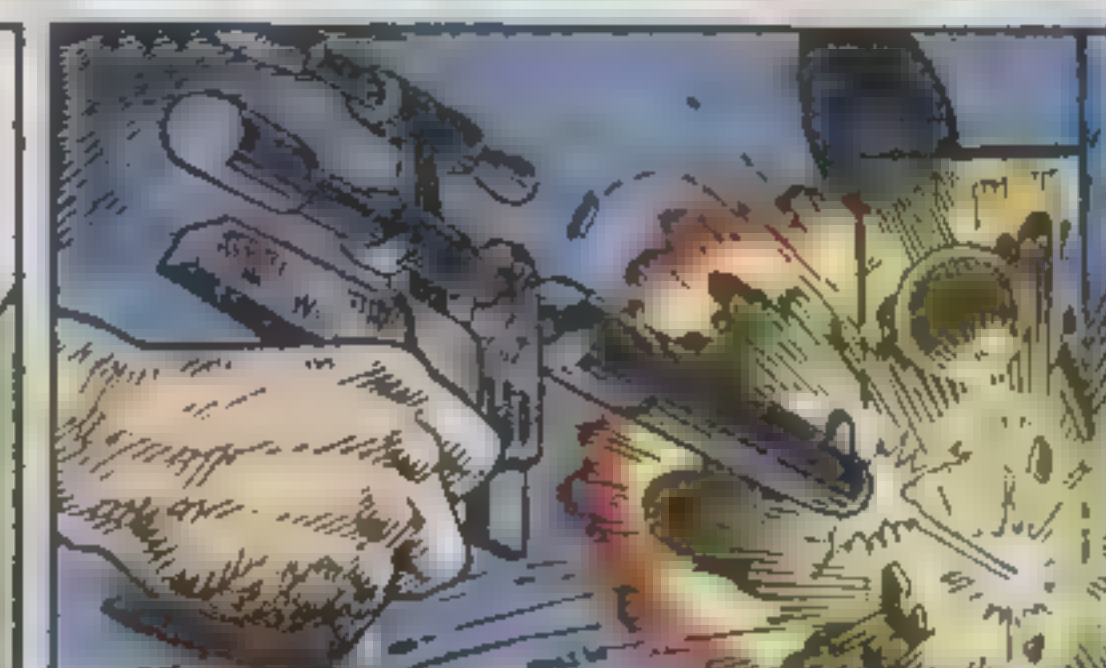
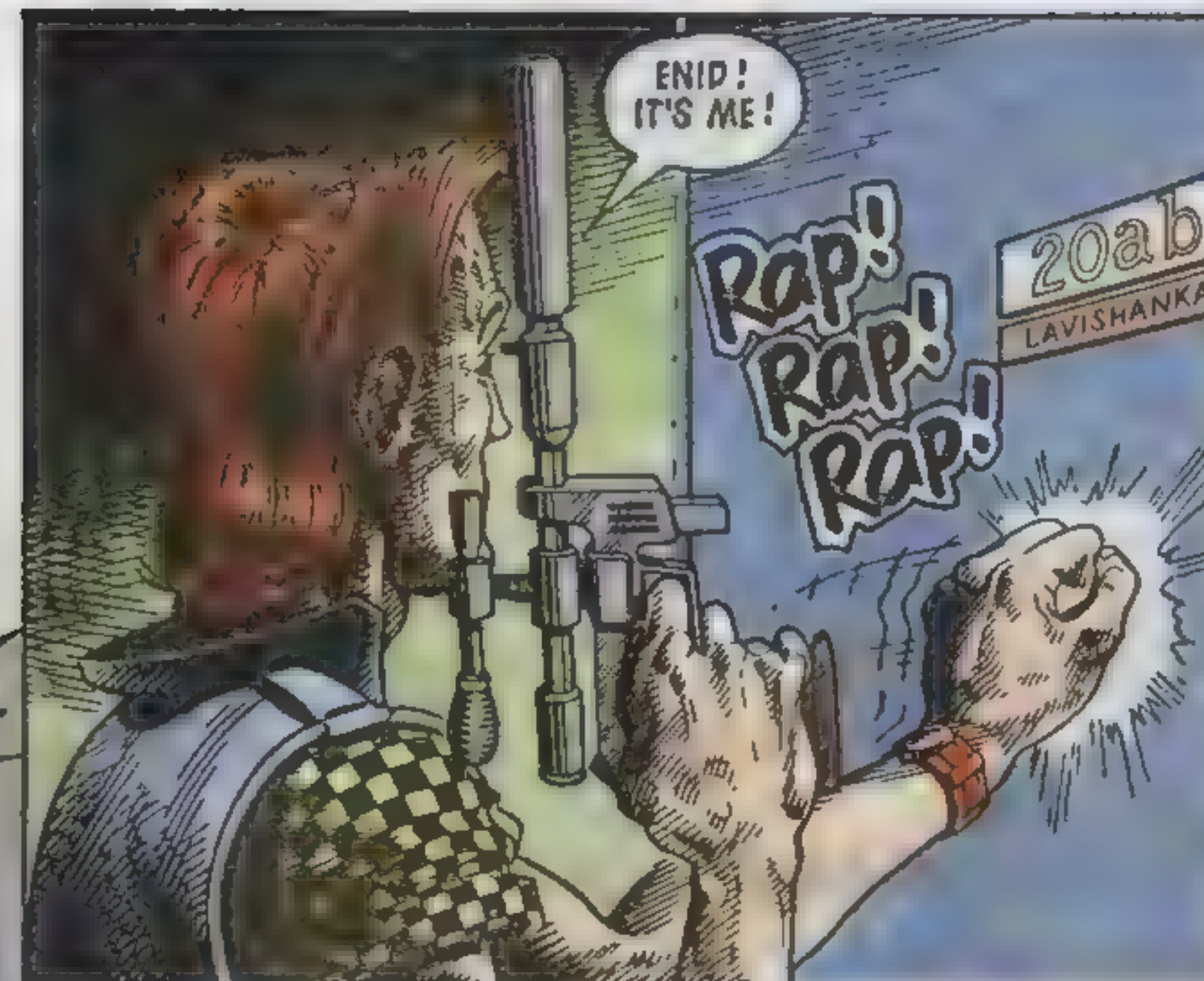


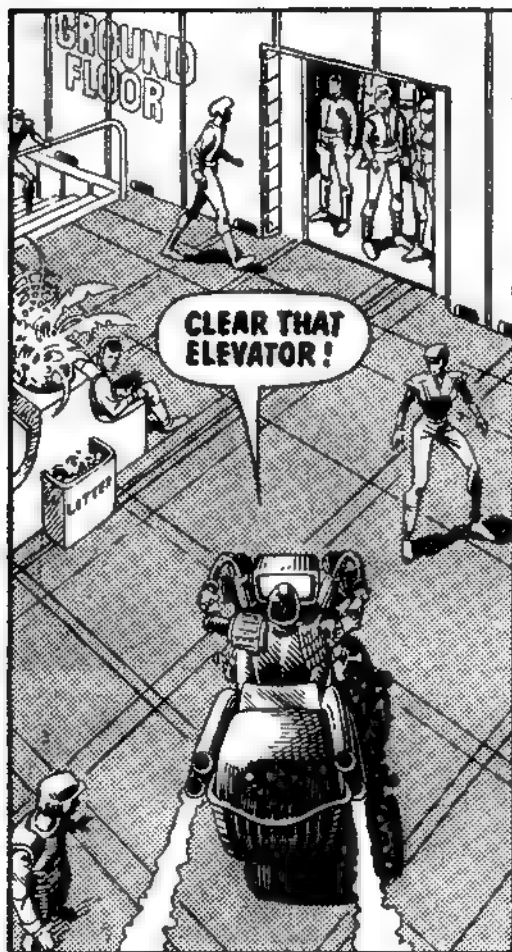


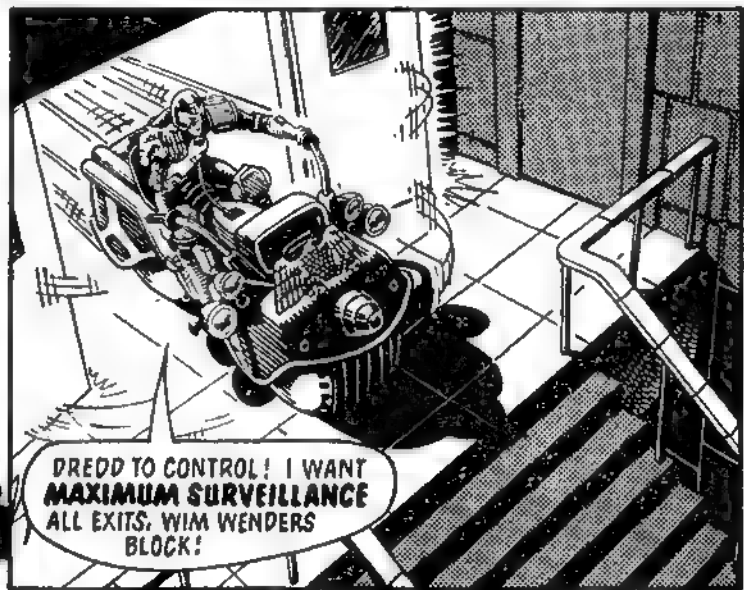
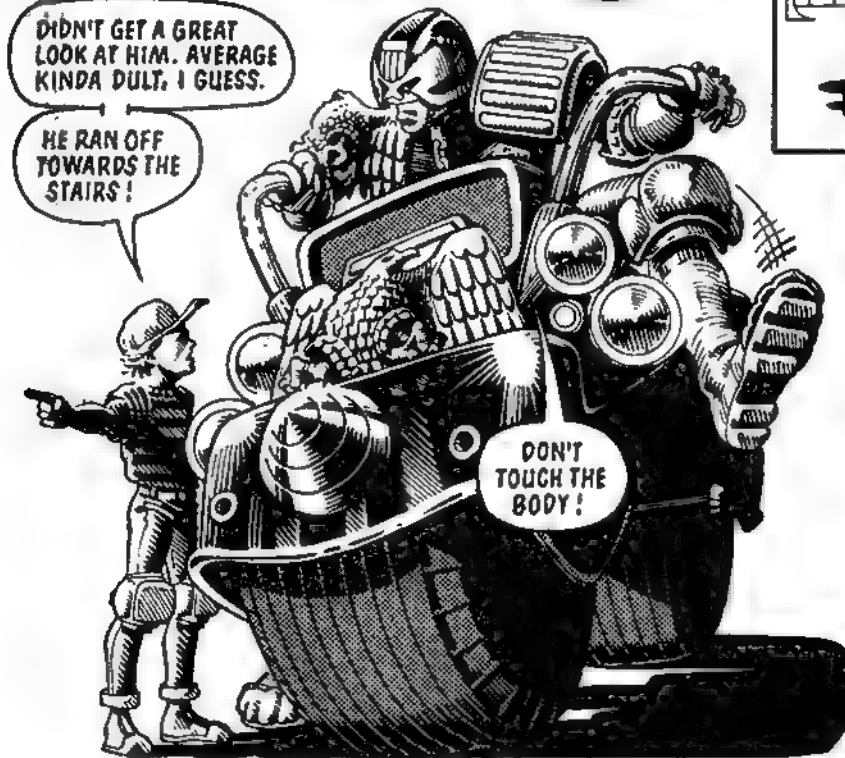
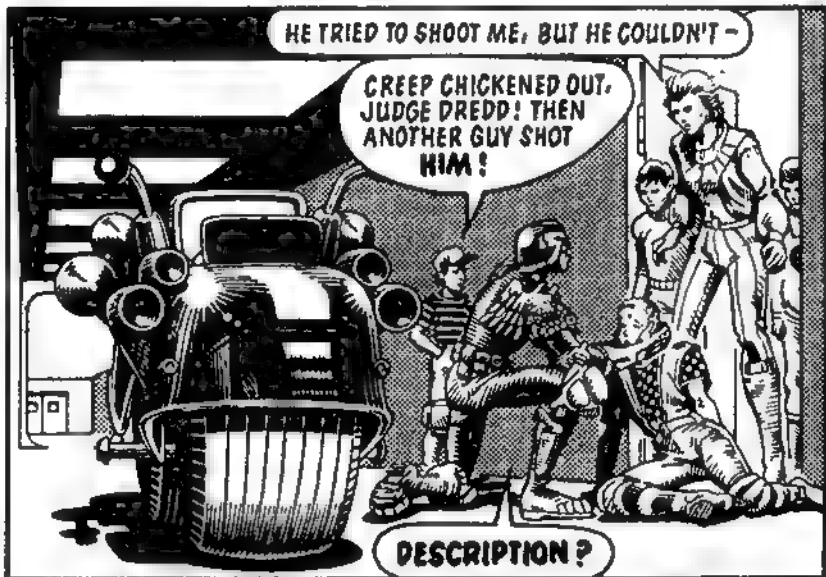
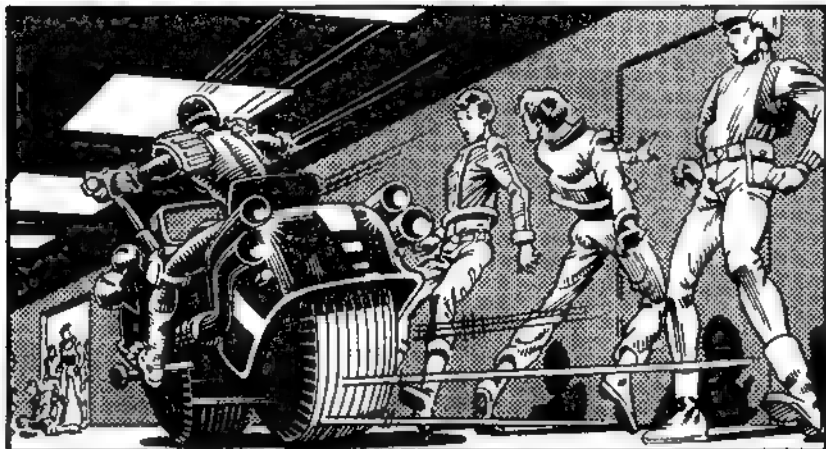
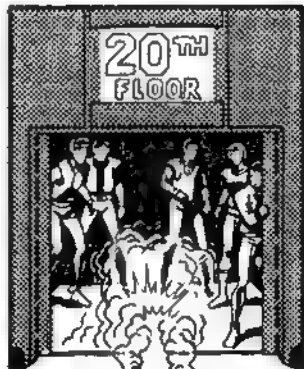


NEXT: PROS MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS...

THE HUNTERS CLUB



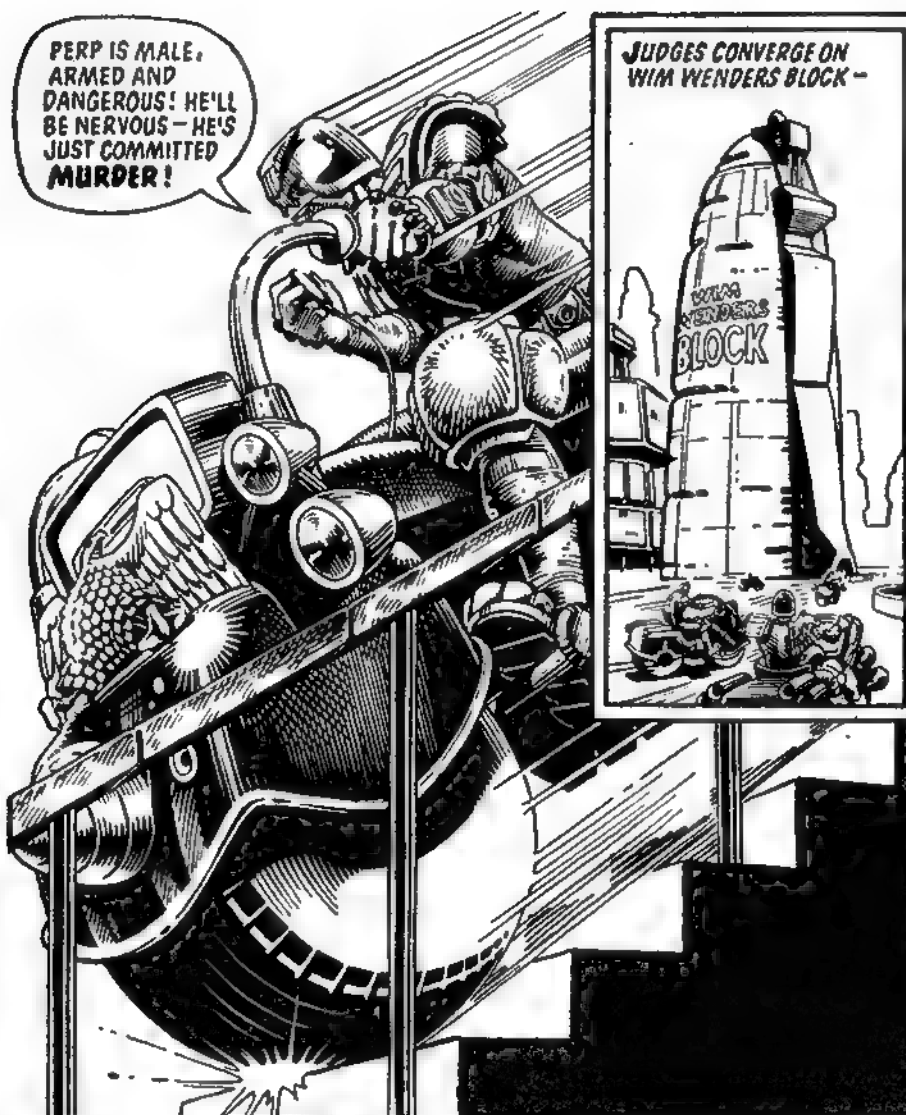




PERP IS MALE,
ARMED AND
DANGEROUS! HE'LL
BE NERVOUS - HE'S
JUST COMMITTED
MURDER!

JUDGES CONVERGE ON
WIM WENDERS BLOCK -

AT EACH EXIT THEIR EXPERT
EYES SCAN THE CROWD -



STAY COOL, BUB BOY.
NOTHING TO LINK YOU
TO CHIP'S DEATH...

'CEPT THIS.

GOTTA GET
RID OF
IT!



YOU!

M-M-ME?





BIG BULGE - RIGHT POCKET! EMPTY!

NICE AND SLOW NOW!

B-BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE EXCEPT

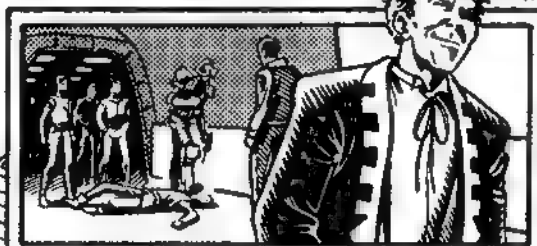
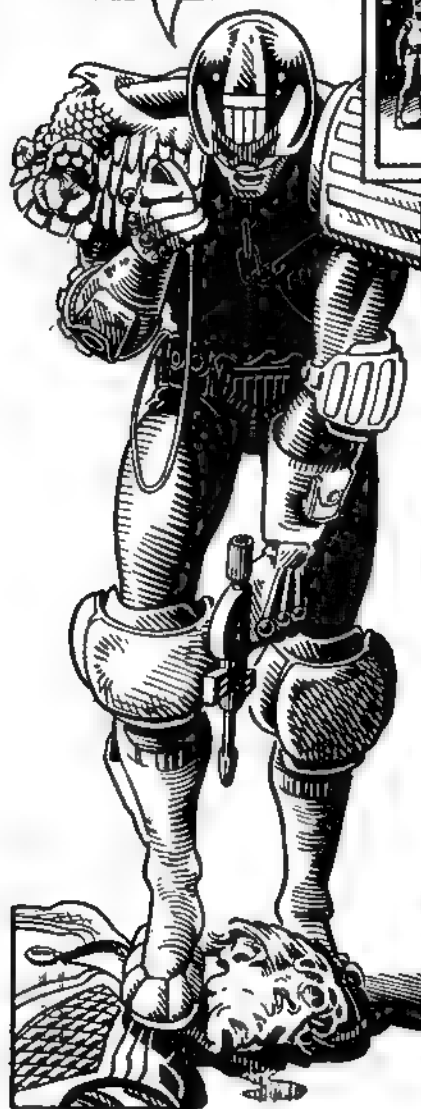


HUH?



FLAT ON THE GROUND!

DREDD! FRISK HERE - EXIT 4! I THINK I'VE GOT YOUR MAN.



IT'S BEEN FIRED RECENTLY.

LISTEN, I NEVER SAW THAT GUN BEFORE! I DON'T KNOW HOW IT GOT THERE!



JUST JUMPED IN YOUR POCKET ON ITS OWN. HUH?

LET'S GET HIM UPBLOCK FOR A POSITIVE I.D.

IN THE LAVISHANKA APARTMENT -

OH, NO. THAT'S NOT HIM. THE KILLER DIDN'T HAVE A BROKEN NOSE AND BLOOD ALL OVER HIS FACE.



CLEAN HIM UP A BIT.



IF SO, HE'S LONG GONE - AND OUR BEST CHANCE OF NAILING THE **HUNTERS CLUB** HAS GONE WITH HIM!

NEXT PROG. **THE BUB'LL BURST!**

ACTION FORCE

versus

COBRA

BLAZING COMBAT

in

BATTLE ACTION FORCE

ON SALE NOW - 24p



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PICK UP A TICKING-OFF, NOT A CRIMINAL RECORD!

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THARG'S FUTURE-SHOCKS

LONG
DIVISION

GENERAL KHAVAN HAD LED MANY
A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AS CHIEF
OF STAFF OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY—
BUT NOW HE KNEW WHAT IT WAS LIKE
TO BE A LOSER...

OUR
ARMIES HAVE
BEEN DECIMATED,
SIR. WE JUST
HAVEN'T GOT
ANY TROOPS
LEFT!

WE HAVE
TO DO SOME-
THING NOW,
GENERAL—
OR WE'RE
FINISHED!

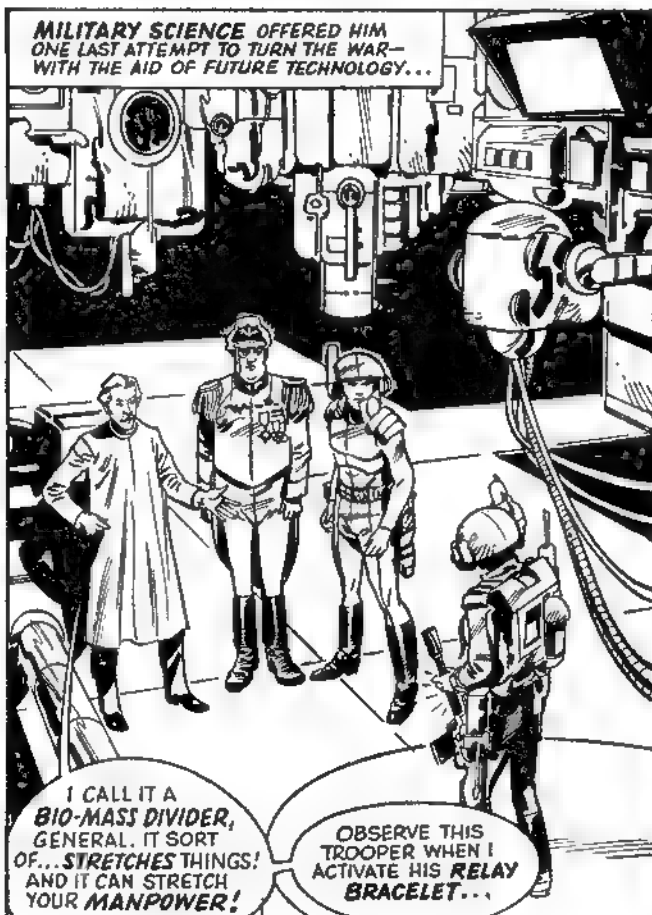
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MONES
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MILITARY SCIENCE OFFERED HIM
ONE LAST ATTEMPT TO TURN THE WAR—
WITH THE AID OF FUTURE TECHNOLOGY...



I CALL IT A
BIO-MASS DIVIDER,
GENERAL. IT SORT
OF... STRETCHES THINGS!
AND IT CAN STRETCH
YOUR MANPOWER!

OBSERVE THIS
TROOPER WHEN I
ACTIVATE HIS RELAY
BRACELET...



AAAH!
MY EYES!
WHAT THE
HELL—?

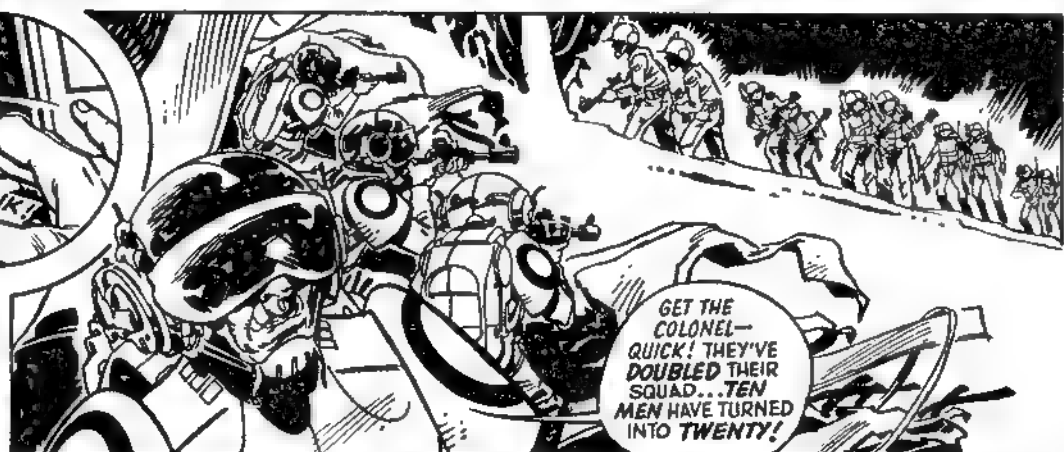
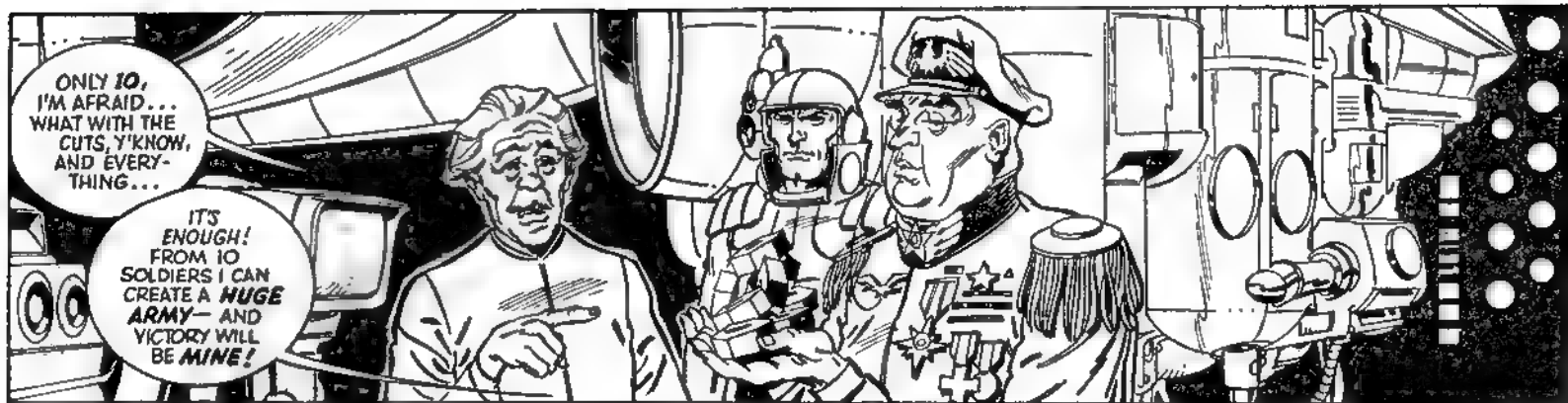
YOU'LL
SOON SEE,
GENERAL—
YOU'LL SOON
SEE!



BEHOLD!
WHERE THERE
USED TO BE
1 SOLDIER...
NOW THERE
ARE 2!

TH-THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
IT'LL SOLVE OUR MANPOWER
SHORTAGE AT A STROKE!

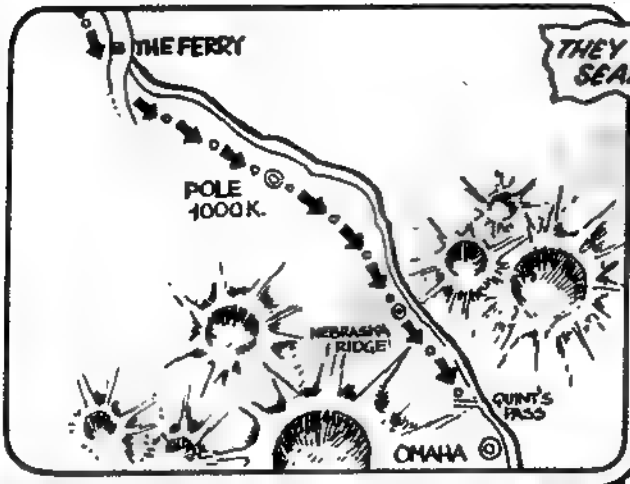
HOW MANY OF THESE...
UH... RELAY BRACELETS
HAVE YOU GOT?





BUT THE TRICK HAD BEEN PLAYED ON GENERAL KHAVAN...





THEY JOURNEYED THROUGH THE CURSED EARTH IN SEARCH OF A DREAM—AND FOUND ONLY DEATH!

FROM THE LOG OF TREKMASTER LUCAS RUDD—

DAY 10
Their wagon's ejector seat had taken Korky and Rose Spillane clear of the lava geyser. But luck was not on their side...



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THE HELL TREKKERS





Korky and Rose had been married less than 18 hours. Now they'd never reach the New Territories - build that home-raise those kids. For them, the dream was over.



WITHIN HALF AN HOUR THEY WERE HALTED AT THE HEAD OF QUINT'S PASS.

DAD! I'VE GOT MR GLEMP ON THE RADIO!



BISH GLEMP HAD BEEN LEADING THE OTHER HALF OF THE TREK SINCE THEY'D BEEN SEPARATED BY A LAVALANCHE—

BISH? WE'RE AT THE PASS! WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?

WE'VE FOUND A WAY ROUND THE MOUNTAIN. SHOULD BE WITH YOU IN THREE—MAYBE FOUR HOURS.



'FRAID WE LOST EDEE RUBEN AND HER KIDS.

WHAT HAPPENED?

HUSH, CRUSTACIA! DADDY'S TALKING!

BISH RECOUNTED NOW, WHEN HIS GROUP HAD RUN INTO A SHEER ROCK WALL, THEY'D SENT THE FLYING HUBBLES UP TO RECONNOITRE—



HUP!



HUPPLA!

HAL'S MADE IT TO THE LEDGE!

CLAP CLAP CLAP!





CHINKKK!



HE'S LIKE A HUMAN SPIDER!

WITH AN ACT LIKE THAT THE HUBBLES'LL BE THE TOAST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES!



LOOKS PRETTY GOOD FROM UP HERE, BISH. I CAN SEE A CLEAR ROUTE BACK ONTO THE TRAIL!



WITHIN AN HOUR THEY'D GOT THE LIFTING GEAR IN PLACE



THE FIRST WAGON UP WAS EDEE RUBEN'S—

OKAY! TAKE HER UP!

BE CAREFUL WITH IT! EVRYTHING WE'VE GOT'S IN THAT WAGON!

BETTER COME BACK FROM THERE, MUM!



SNAP!

SNAP!

SNAP!

LOOK OUT! THE CABLES ARE BREAKING!

NEXT PROG: PARTING OF THE WAYS!

NEXT
PROG:

Slane

is back!

KICKED OUT OF HIS TRIBE FOR A
CRIME HE **DID** COMMIT, HE'S
BEEN A MERCENARY, JAILER,
KIDNAPPER, PRIZE-FIGHTER,
BATTLE-SMITER, AND NOW A...

TIME KILLER

AS HE FACES THE
ULTIMATE ENEMY...

THE CYTHRONS!

ART: DAVID RUGBY

THE GENTLEMEN BEHIND ALL
THE EVIL THAT HAS BEFALLEN
SLANE'S LAND OF THE
YOUNG...

THE CYTHRONS ARE ULTRA-
TERRESTRIALS - ALIENS
FROM INNER SPACE.

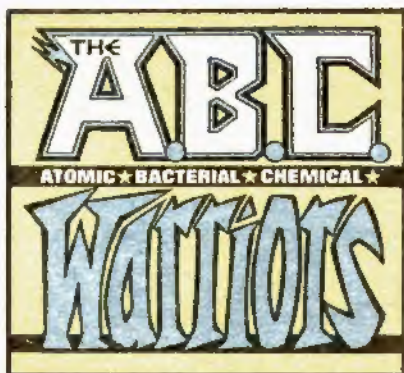
THE U.T.'S WON'T BE
PHONING HOME... EARTH
IS THEIR HOME!

OR RATHER PRISON!
A PRISON THEY
INTEND TO BREAK
OUT OF WITH THE
UNWITTING HELP OF
THE HUMAN RACE...

LEARN THE REAL
MEANING OF THE
LIGHTS IN THE SKY...

IN TIME KILLER
(PRAY IT ISN'T TRUE!)

ART: GLEN LABBY



**SIX
OF THE
BEST!**



BRYAN TALBOT '85

92 with gun



I WARNED
YOU, CREEP!
IT'S A CRIME
TO SCAN
2000 AD!

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